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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Barry R. Finegold**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote the use of green taxicabs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	17th Essex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE USE OF GREEN TAXICABS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 3F. The commissioner shall establish a list annually updated to rank vehicles sold within the  
4 Commonwealth based on a vehicle's fuel mileage rating as established by the United States  
5 Environmental Protection Agency relative to other vehicles within its passenger seating class.

6 SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 40 of the General Laws as so appearing is hereby amended by  
7 adding the following two paragraphs:-

8 Every metered taxicab licensed under this section shall be a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle, as defined  
9 in section 1 of chapter 90 of the general laws, or shall be a vehicle which is included in the top 10% of the  
10 list established by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs which ranks vehicles sold  
11 within the Commonwealth based on a vehicle's fuel mileage rating. No vehicle which is less than 60  
12 percent as efficient, for 2 to 4 and 5-passenger vehicles, and 70 percent as efficient, for 6-passenger and  
13 more vehicles, as the best vehicle in its respective class may be used. Any vehicle which is purchased in  
14 accordance with this list may be used for the life of the vehicle as a taxicab, as determined by the  
15 governing municipality.

16 Every metered taxicab licensed under this section shall use a global positioning system.

17 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.